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Included: Educators in attendance

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Best Teaching Practices Presented

With so much information available to educators, isn't there someone who can point them to the most effective practices for teaching children?

A recent workshop helped teachers with this quest by offering information on decades of research findings distilled into nine broad teaching strategies having positive effects on student learning.

The workshop, called "Nine Practices That Make a Difference," was organized by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence and held Tuesday, January 30. A total of 45 teachers from across the state attended the workshop.

Jo Farabi was the workshop's presenter. Farabi has 40 years as an educator, including 25 years of teaching experience in elementary classrooms; working as the staff development coordinator for the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence (Webb City, MO); and 15 years experience with the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (Girard, KS) as a staff developer, project coordinator and program director. She is currently working as a contracted consultant with a focus on issues in curriculum, instructional strategies and school improvement.

For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

USD 231, Gardner Edgerton -
Phillip Thies

USD 233, Olathe -
Ann Addison, Glenda Agurlar,
Joanne Baxendale, Lee Beashore,
Natalie Browning, Marlean Caldwell,
Christy Farr, John Harriss,
Angie Hedges, Stacy Shipley,
Kim Thorup, Brenda Traugher

USD 243, Lebo-Waverly -
Reginia Herron

USD 252, Southern Lyon County -
Martha McMurphy

USD 253, Emporia -
Connie Keiss

USD 259, Wichita -
Lori Berkelhamer, Amy Champlin,
Nanci Duncan, Eliot Eichbauer,
Michele Loeb, Jodi McArthur,
Carol Stuart, Brenda Young

USD 287, West Franklin -
Andy Azwell

USD 321, Kaw Valley -
Brian L. Rieschick, David Wonnell

USD 348, Baldwin City -
Deb Ehling-Gwin, Becky Florance

USD 337, Royal Valley -
Kathy Belt, Nancy Mergen,
Santee Morris, Trish Slimmer,
Dawn Shupe

USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden -
Marilyn Fox, Janette Roberts

USD 385, Andover -
Mary Baker, Karen Bridges,
Evie Fuller

USD 446, Independence -
Kendall Carroll, Patty Clay,
Jamie Savage, Amanda J. Smith

USD 450, Shawnee Heights -
Stephanie Commons, Kirk Duckers

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